

## YOUTH DAYS 2012

“We are driven by five genetic needs: survival, love and belonging, power, freedom, and fun.”  
William Glasser

Greetings! Effective school change requires wide stakeholder participation. As we have seen with the Million Voice Survey, “When students have high aspirations, they have the ability to dream about the future, while being inspired in the present to reach those dreams.” The foundation upon which aspirations are built is the feeling of Belonging. Building Belonging in our schools, community and world will be the theme for this year’s Youth Days

An invitation is extended to you and your middle school and high school students to participate with the MBI Leadership Youth Days for 2012 – 2013. On Sunday, we will begin at 2:00 p.m. and conclude by 8:00 p.m. On Monday, we will begin at 7:45 a.m. and conclude by 2:00 p.m. A meal will be served on Sunday evening and a morning snack and lunch on Monday. Your school will be reimbursed for travel, lodging (if you should need it) and per diem at the current state rates. Following are the dates and locations:

Miles City – September 30, October 1  
Missoula – October 7 - 8  
Great Falls – November 4-5  
Bozeman – November 11-12  
Billings – December 2-3

Tim Broxholm, a strategic, charismatic, performance-driven coach, consultant, leader, and teacher who has a proven record of positively impacting individuals, schools, and organizations will be our Youth Days speaker. Tim presented at the Summer Institute. He is a graduate from CM Russell High School in Great Falls, and attributes some of his success to being a former Youth Days participant. Tim, a university instructor in Washington, will be working with the students at each location, as well as many of the MBI consultants, giving us real-life stories which lead to belonging and success.

Youth Days has positively impacted schools across Montana. This year, the incorporation of the 8 Conditions that need to be in place if students are to strive for and fulfill their academic, personal and social promise, will begin with Belonging and proceed through Heroes. We will focus on how to belong and how to help others to belong in our schools, communities and on a bigger picture in our world.

This year, Youth Days will feature Service and Leader Projects on Monday morning. Please come prepared to work and dress for the weather. Some sites will be outside. The service sites will be assigned to you and your students at registration. This year, we will be making posters for the poster session as an activity during our time together. You may want to bring articles for this, but it is not necessary to bring anything for this activity. We would appreciate your school bringing prizes to be given away. You will need to bring several items to give away for prizes.

We are also encouraging Youth Days participants to gather non-perishable food items that will be donated to local food banks when the teams visit and volunteer. Help us to help others in need.

Please take the time to search and find specific areas in your community which could become service leadership projects for your school, community or area. If you need some ideas, good places to search include the chamber of commerce, the mayor's office, the ministerial association, or the local food bank. Our goal is to send you home with a specific project and some specific steps to completing that project.

## **REGISTRATION**

Please plan to attend this event and bring 10-12 participants. This includes both students and staff. In selecting students, please include a broad spectrum of your student population, including student leaders and future student leaders. A cross section of your student population would be ideal in promoting diverse ideas and thoughts. Please complete the Registration/RSVP form indicating the number and names of both students and staff who will be attending. This is important to adequately plan for meals and/or other activities.

Please return the following forms to Susan Bailey-Anderson, PO Box 202501, Helena, MT 59620-2501; Fax 406-444-3924. The forms are available at the following link:

[http://www.opi.mt.gov/pdf/SpecED/Link/12YouthDaysReg\\_Release.pdf](http://www.opi.mt.gov/pdf/SpecED/Link/12YouthDaysReg_Release.pdf)

- RSVP/REGISTRATION FORM
- RELEASE FORM—This is particularly important so that we may use the students' pictures and possible videos we may film during this time.

When the RSVP/Registration Form is received at the OPI, you will receive a confirmation letter with detailed information regarding sites and lodging.

For questions, please call me at (406) 444-2046 or e-mail [sbanderson@mt.gov](mailto:sbanderson@mt.gov).

## **CHECKLIST FOR ITEMS TO BRING TO YOUTH DAYS**

- o Students
- o Prizes
- o Ideas for service in your area
- o Non-perishable food items